



Guiver Schouten wins the title of “Mr. Aruba 2007”

The Aruba Bodybuilding and Powerlifting Association (A.B.P.A.) held their annual championships in the Palm Beach Ballroom on Saturday evening, and Middle-Heavyweight Champion Guiver Schouten took the title to represent Aruba in the Central American & Caribbean Body Building Championship in Bermuda next month. The head of Aruba’s Olympic Committee Leo Maduro presented Guiver with his trophy.

This exciting evening of “eye candy,” or as they say in Aruba, “vitamina pa wowo” (vitamins for the eyes” had been pared down for 2007 with fewer divisions and only the best contenders, simplifying the judges’ decisions.

Taking first place in the three other weight classes and competing against Guiver to represent Aruba in this year’s regional championships were Hamrash Mulei in the Lightweight division, Miguel Martinez, Middleweight, and Rolando Croes, Heavyweight Champion.

Parading and posing for the gathering, which makes the championships and additionally entertaining event, was guest poser Rigoberto Yazagary, who will travel to South Korea next month to represent Aruba in the Bodybuilding World Championships. Rudy Winklaar, the current Mr. Holland, whose parents are from Aruba and Curacao, was the extra-special guest poser, and he finished the evening for the audience with flair, as he displayed the body and style that won him the title. Both thrilled the packed house and won the hearts of the audience as they weaved their way around the ballroom, posing with fans while cell phone cameras clicked away.

Guiver Schouten also took the trophy for “Best Legs” and Arnaldo Lieber, a middleweight contender, won the title of “Best Poser.” New on the scene and winning the title of “Mr. Beginner” was Kenneth Sauraus, with Esai Labadi coming in a close second, and additionally taking third place in the lightweight category. Officiating over the event was Roselinda Perez of Venezuela, and president of the Judging Committee of the International Federation of Bodybuilding (I.F.B.B.) A.B.P.A. President Giovanni Arendsz awarded Roselinda with a plaque of appreciation for her continual support of A.B.P.A. and the community of determined athletes it represents.